



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Three Donkey Pull Timber Sale 30-084701 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2413775, a three unit proposal, plus associated right of way, comprised of 122 acres of a variable retention harvest totaling an estimated 4,165 MBF. This proposal includes 34,545 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 1,075 feet of optional pre-haul maintenance, 2,067 feet of optional road reconstruction and 5,177 feet of optional construction.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – This proposal is located within a Mineral Creek Lower Status 1R Owl Circle, but is outside the 0.7 mile inner circle, PR 14-004-120,

Marbled Murrelet- This proposal is located within the HCP South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat model. No suitable Marbled Murrelet Habitat was identified within the harvest boundaries or within 300 feet of the harvest boundaries, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management Zones (RMZs) – Two Type 4 streams are protected with 100 foot buffers. One Type 5 stream is protected with a 30 foot equipment limitation zone, except at crossing locations approved by the Contract Administrator. No harvest will occur within the RMZs. All buffers on streams associated with this proposal meet or exceed HCP requirements, PR 14-004-150,

Rain on Snow – This proposal is located within the designated rain on snow zone in sub-basins #5 and #6 within the Reese Creek WAU removing approximately 111 acres of hydrologic mature timber. The increase in hydrologically immature stands and road network should not increase impacts related to peak flows during rain on snow events, PR 14-004-060,

Retention Trees- Approximately 8 leave trees per acre larger than 12 inches in diameter at breast height will be retained and scattered throughout the units. Leave trees were selected from the dominant and co-dominant size class. A minimum of 4 structurally unique trees per acre will be retained as wildlife trees, PR 14-004-210,

Roads – To reduce potential for negative resource impacts during the typical wet season, road construction and rock haul will not be permitted from November 1 to May 31, unless authority to do so is granted, in writing, by the Contract Administrator. If permission is granted to operate between November 1 and May 31, the Purchaser may be required to provide a "Closed Season Plan" to include further protection of water, soil, roads and other forest assets. The "Closed Season Plan" must be approved in writing by the Contract Administrator prior to commencing any closed season operations. In addition road construction and rock will not be permitted on weekends or state recognized holidays unless authorized in writing by the Contract Administrator. Rock for this proposal may come from the state owned RT200 Rock Pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in Sections 31 and 32 both in Township 15 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The RT200 Rock Pit is located in Section 6, Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The haul route is located in the same Sections plus Sections 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 17 all in Township 14 North, 5 East, W.M., and Section 6 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The proposal area is located approximately 11 miles southeast of Elbe in Lewis County. See the associated Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from January 21, 2010. Comments must be submitted by February 4, 2010.**

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